DECLASSIFIED

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 10, 1954

Doc Matthews called at the office this morning. He has been on leave and lately arrived here with Frisk from Italy. We had a long talk about wine. He is especially a red burgundy man.

I discussed with Tommy his future plans, which are still somewhat indefinite, although it now seems settled he will be, for the time at least, Acting U. S. Representative to the Coal and Steel Community.

We lunched today with Sylviane and Jean Forgeot. General and Madame Catroux, Pierre Brisson, and ex-President and Madame Auriol were there. The President was, as usual, gay and voluble. He engaged in a justification of his own attitude toward affairs in Indo-China and North Africa which was, to me at least, not very convincing. In the conduct of his presidential duties he displayed great dignity and energy, but never seemed [redacted] to have the breadth of vision required for dealing with the complicated affairs of the French Union.

Ilya Tolstoy came to see me this afternoon. He is over here on business connected with the Tolstoy Foundation. Their work is on a large scale and deals with the reception and resettlement of refugees from behind the Iron Curtain. He is still interested in the venture I once had a slight participation in, of exhibiting large salt-water fish. His adventures over [redacted] injecting sharks with soporifics were particularly fascinating.

Al Wells called on me. He is stationed in the Embassy in Vienna. He said, since I had been a witness at his wedding, he wanted to tell me in advance of its becoming public of his impending divorce from Dee. Apparently their relationship remains amicable.

We went to a dinner tonight at the Hughes's, given in our honor. It was [redacted] pleasant, and Mardi and John, as always, so friendly and affectionate.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY CRC DATE 7-1-81
□or XDS□EXT. DATE
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS □
RELEASE DENIED□
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS